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Mrs. Jeanne McGowan

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Dear Mrs. McGowan:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 17 July 1960 concerning the circulation of subversive literature in the United States.

This is a subject which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency as the National Security Act of 1947, which provided for the establishment of the Agency, provided that it shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement power, or internal security functions. However, your patriotic interest in writing to us as you did is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signed

[Redacted Signature]  
Assistant to the Director

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July 17 1960

Dear Mr. Allen Dulles,

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What does the Central Intelligence agency intend to do about the filthy and subversive literature that continues to be circulated around the country? Don't say that is for the Postmaster General to do - because someone always manages to tie his hands - Someone evidently in the Supreme Court - Now I want to know what you're going to do about it? Sometime ago an admiral said quote (The communists will nibble up this country, they won't need to attack us) unquote - evidently he was thinking - the psychological warfare and the subversive literature that continues to be sold throughout this country.

Our public schools have been terribly corroded in their teaching - One example (My son's Civics teacher said "this thing you call God I don't get it what do you mean by that?") Also when they were studying our Constitution, I

having written assignments for  
homework and he answered me.

We don't assign written work or  
homework on that because that  
has to be interpreted in the  
classroom - I got mighty sick  
of excessive answers from some  
public officials, they were  
elected to be servants of the  
people - now they act like they  
plan on being our masters.

I just joined a discussion  
group in our locale and each  
of us are writing to different  
officials and then we read them  
at our next gathering.

Also - Why has the Air Force  
Manual been suppressed?

If the Air Force maintains  
that it rejected the offending manual  
before receiving the N.C.C. protest,  
and Mr. Wine and Mr. Zup, insist  
otherwise, who is lying?

Another thing, which U.S. Senators  
voted unanimously to confirm Mr. Gates  
appointment as Secretary of Defense after  
one Senator held up his confirmation  
of the previous Secretary.

We suspect the perfect  
officials have a perfectly

valid right to obtain this information  
Don't say it's for security reasons  
that you can't answer these  
questions, please, because I'm  
afraid our group won't take  
it sitting down.

Certainly there are  
some undesirables in the  
Pentagon and they are being  
shielded day after day.

I think you can  
answer these questions  
and hoping to hear from  
you soon. - I wish you  
best of everything and  
know that your work load  
is tremendous -

Thank you so much.

James Mc Gowan

